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Babylonian myths on the other. Little can be deduced from such coincidences at present, but some day, when more historical evidence is available, comparisons such as these will be of the greatest value.

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BRIEF MENTION

Brown, William Adams. *Modern Missions in the Far East.* A Report Prepared by Professor Brown, as Union Seminary Lecturer on Religion in the Far East, for the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, New York. 1917. 76 pages. Circulation private.

The importance of this report greatly outweighs its size. It gives us the reflections of a scholar and a theologian who is keenly alive to the innumerable problems and demands of the modern missionary movement and who writes from first-hand evidence. Some of his suggestions are worthy of especial cognizance, as, e.g.: (1) the need for a readjustment of missionary administration by more frequent visits to the fields on the part of executive officials of the boards, or, failing that, placing greater responsibility on the resident missionaries; (2) the ever-increasing demand for co-operation among the various Christian bodies on the field; (3) the moral demand that institutions for higher education on the field must be efficient; (4) the conviction that, as theology needs restatement in the light of actual experience, the mission field will make a real contribution to this restatement; (5) the unique opportunity for Christian forces to play a creative rôle in the work of social and economic reform by applying Christian ideals to the regeneration of the social order; (6) the opening for an organization modeled after the Young Men's Christian Association to operate on the family as a unit; (7) the economic and spiritual waste involved in the time of missionaries being so occupied with clerical duties that they have no leisure for research work which they are peculiarly fitted to do; (8) the supreme need of the discovery and training of strong personalities who shall become Christian leaders among their own peoples; (q) the contribution which the theological seminary can make (a) by furnishing facilities for the training of missionaries, the advanced training of missionaries on furlough and of selected leaders of the native church, (b) by setting apart one or more representatives of the faculty for at least part-time service on the field, and (c) by promoting a healthy public sentiment in the church at home.

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Hartman, L. O. Popular Aspects of Oriental Religions. New York: Abingdon Press, 1917. 255 pages. \$1.35.

The title of this volume expresses its precise nature. It is composed of six studies in the great oriental religions, viz., Korean animism, Chinese Taoism and Confucianism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Zoroastrianism. In so short a volume it would be impossible to give a comprehensive treatment of so vast a field, and the author